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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/784,330	Applicant(s) CANALI ET AL.	
	Examiner Frantzy Poinvil	Art Unit 3628	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14-22, 25-61, 64, 70-74, 76-94, 97, 103-107 and 109-151 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3, 4, 32-61, 64, 77-94, 97 and 110-129 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 6, 8, 12, 14-22, 25-31, 70-74, 76, 103-107, 109, 130-151 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

As per claim 15, line 2, "mentioned" should be deleted.

As per claim 18, line 13, "an" should be changed to - -said- -.

As per claim 31, line 2, the word "mentioned" should be deleted.

As per claim 103, line 6, - -for an auction- - should be inserted after "network". On line 14, "an" should be changed to - -said- -. On line 15, "an" should be changed to - -said- -. On line 16, "an" should be changed to - -said- -.

These changes are deemed necessary to avoid 112, second paragraph issues.

Applicant is requested to correct these deficiencies.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

2. The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest initiating a re-bid for each lagging bid, the re-bid initiation including comparing each leading bid with a pre-set limit for the sender of the lagging bid and determining a result of the auction based on the request for the item, the first bid and the second bid as recited in independent claim 1.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest initiating a re-bid for each lagging bid, the re-bid initiation including comparing each leading bid with a pre-set limit for the sender of the lagging bid and determining a first result, a second result and a third result as recited in independent claim 18.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest a processor being coupled to initiate a re-bid for each lagging bid, the re-bid including comparing each leading bid with a pre-set limit for the sender of the lagging bid and determine a first result, a second result and a third result as recited in independent claim 70.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest initiating a re-bid for each lagging bid, the re-bid initiation including comparing each leading bid with a pre-set limit for the sender of the lagging bid and determining a first result, a second result and a third result as recited in independent claim 103.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest initiating a re-bid for each lagging response with a pre-set limit for the sender of the lagging response as recited in independent claims 130 and 137.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest initiating means for initiating a re-bid for each lagging response, the initiating means including comparison means for comparing each leading response with a pre-set limit for the sender of the lagging response as recited in independent claims 139 and 144.

The prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest fifth computer readable program code means for initiating a re-bid for each lagging response, the initiating


means including comparison means for comparing each leading response with a pre-set limit for the sender of the lagging response as recited in independent claims 146 and 150.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil whose telephone number is (571) 272-6797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sam Sough can be reached on (571) 272-6797. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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